

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	72612	Agenda Number	51.
Meeting Date:	August 3, 2017			
Department:	Capital Contracting Office			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with TOOLE DESIGN GROUP, LLC. (staff recommendation), or one of the other qualified responders to the Request for Qualification Solicitation No. CLMP229, to provide engineering services for Street Design Staff Augmentation for an initial two-year term, with four renewal options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 including all renewals, subject to annual appropriations.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding for the initial term is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the Austin Transportation Department and the Public Works Department. Funding for the extension options is available in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of five firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.</p>			
Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This item is part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. The Austin Transportation Department is committed to providing a complete, cost-effective, safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation network for our community that serves the needs of street, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit users. The Austin Transportation Department supports the fulfillment of this mission through the performance of comprehensive multimodal street design services under the Street Design Team. This core function enables Austin Transportation to consistently achieve policy driven Complete Streets outcomes for all modes and all ages and abilities to the extent possible. This Division currently supports project design and delivery, development, implementation, and coordination for diverse Austin Transportation and City programs including but not limited to:

- The Pedestrian Program;
- The Bicycle Program;
- The Sidewalk Program;
- The Safe Routes to School Program;
- The Neighborhood Partnering Program;
- The Urban Trails Program;
- The Transit Speed and Reliability Program, and
- Design guidance to other City programs and partner agencies.

The work for the Active Transportation and Street Design Division has been increasing in size and complexity and staff have been unable to keep up with demand. Additional staff will be required to meet expectations for 2016 Mobility Bond projects, specifically the Local Mobility Bikeway, Sidewalk, and Safe Routes to School programs. This request for a staff augmentation contract will allow the Austin Transportation Department to satisfy increasing project demand and ensure that objectives are met in a timely and responsive manner.

The selected consultant will provide staff to expand the Austin Transportation Department's current staff capacity. This staff augmentation will allow the department to perform complete street design, engineering review, implementation, and coordination to support successful delivery of the 2016 Bond Bikeway, Safe Route to School, and Sidewalk local mobility programs. In addition, the consultant will providing Street Design support to other programs including but not limited to the Active Transportation Program, the Transit Speed and Reliability Program, the Neighborhood Partnering Program, and daily support for any projects that require changes to on-street traffic operations to accomplish program/project goals.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder that Council selects for the funding of services listed above. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

A delay in approval of this item will negatively impact implementation of 2016 Mobility Bond projects.

TOP RANKED FIRM: TOOLE DESIGN GROUP, LLC is located in Silver Spring, MD

SECOND RANKED FIRM: ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN is located in Portland, OR